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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1913.

THE FEAST OF APPLES.

This is Apple Day. Apple lovers are this day asked to join the apple propaganda. Like other festival ceremonies, this is to be celebrated by eating, and by eating not mince pie, turkey, or plum-cake, but apples.

The peanut and the banana threaten to drive out the apple as our national fruit. Yet they have only two recommendations. They are cheap and they are full of nutriment. The apple has these and a thousand other virtues.

It is difficult to conceive of any board of directors of a big business facing matters of graver import. The proper disposition of all of these plans, affecting the life of 100,000 people of two races and their descendants, should take every bit of mental grasp, wisdom, sympathy, social conscience and experience in the minds and hearts of these men who are the agents of democracy in this municipality.

Moreover, the apple never cloy. A man may eat of apples every day through the year, and find his appetite unimpaired. There is no end to the ways in which they may be used. Mr. Grant Border, of Baltimore, has prepared a book telling 175 ways of serving the fruit. The apple pie is undoubtedly the standard pie of the universe. Apple jelly, with a hint of the curious quince, is food for the gods.

Apple cider, taken in its innocent form, is, in truth, the one drink that cheers without inebriating. The apple-dumpling is an ancient and royal dish. Then there are apple fritters, apple float, apple sauce (sauce plaignant for luscious pork), apple butter (though it is not made in the same dark glory as of old), apple-jack, and just apples. Shakespeare was clearly writing of apples when he declared, "Nor custom cannot state her infinite variety."

This is a poor year for the fruit, yet these United States will produce a wall of apples twelve feet high from New York to Chicago. End to end, they would make a double track seven times around the earth. The cars it would take to move the crop would cover 532 miles. Although only half a crop is estimated, New York will have 5,750,000 barrels to seal. Missouri is second with 3,500,000 barrels. Michigan and Illinois come next with about 1,500,000 each. Virginia in this report is fifth, with a crop of about 1,300,000 barrels, which is only 50 per cent of last year's production. In the far West, the crop is about 50 per cent of normal, with Washington first at 4,200 cars.

Such figures in an off year show how vast is the apple yield. Yet good fruit in cities is dear, and often cannot be bought. The trouble is somewhere in the distribution system. Here is a point for study by the cast of living experts.

Virginia will raise more apples every year as the new orchards come to bearing. The increase of apple consumption is an end we should work for. Let us make apple day memorable. Send a barrel to friends. Remember the sick. Tell the world about the wonders of the imperial fruit that comes to its supreme triumph in the blue shadow of our mountains.

PUT UP OR SHUT UP. If William Sulzer thinks to convince any respectable proportion of people of the justice of his cause, he should produce the facts to prove his innocence of the charges upon which the high court of impeachment found him guilty.

THE IMPORTANT COUNCILMAN.

When the voters of Richmond vote for members of the City Council, do they consider the demands to be made on the men they select? Do politics, personal friendship, prejudice and temporary ideas of self-interest guide the choice of these representatives? Or do we select men in whose judgment experience and broad vision we have profound confidence? The voter can answer that question for himself. It is the most important public question in Richmond's civic life.

For illustration of the importance of Councilmen, we call attention to some of the questions to be considered by the Committee on Public Buildings, Properties and Utilities to-night. The proposed sale of the gas works to a private company concerns the whole question of public utilities and municipal ownership.

The proposition to buy the old Clyde Line property for water terminal use opens up the vital question of our water front, its use and improvement, as well as the question of city planning for the coming years.

The acceptance or refusal of the offer of public hospital service is a profoundly serious matter in our handling of a social need. The purchase of the Marshall Street viaduct is an issue involving a considerable sum of money, and the development of the physical side of Richmond.

The opening of a park for negroes involves far-reaching policies, including the delicate matter of race segregation. The proposal to expend \$25,000 for improving the auditorium demands a broad and progressive understanding of the social and art life of the community.

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CLEARING THE TRACK.

The path to currency reform does not appear to be such a hard road to travel as it did a week ago. The policy of persistence, followed by the President, is breaking down the barrier of formidable antagonism to the Glass-Owen bill which once threatened indefinitely to block, if not utterly to defeat the measure.

The Senate Republicans are drifting into the currency reform camp, since the President's declaration that the pending bill is not to be made a strictly party measure. The Republican members of the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency have assured the President that they will not impede action in the Senate on the currency measure.

The effort to effect a recess of Congress seems to have diminished and yesterday's dispatches conveyed the information that apparently the House leaders have abandoned all hope of departing from the capital for any lengthy period.

The President's insistence upon the earliest action consonant with sound legislation is bearing fruit. There can be no better time than now to secure currency reform. Now the attention of the country is focused on the issue. If there is delay, other questions may arise to overshadow the second most important part of the administration's program. If there is delay, the forces at home opposed to currency reform will come into longer and closer contact with individual Representatives and Senators.

FLORIDA'S TAX COMMISSION. Quick to follow other progressive States, Florida has a State tax commission which is efficiently serving to achieve excellent results in tax equalization. For some time, the Florida tax commissioners have been investigating the conditions of taxation in the various counties of the State.

The Florida Tax Commission has found, as the Virginia Tax Commission did, that there is quite a difference in valuations. One of the commissioners says that, "in fact, it looks as if every county had entered into a toboggan race presumably to see which could strike bottom first, and, as a matter of fact, some of the counties have been run over, and bear the marks of conflict."

Queries and Answers. Free Trade. I wish to know what countries have free trade and what is the agricultural wealth of each. In order to discover how a tariff affects agricultural wealth.

Rats. If you give me the name and address of the person in Richmond who makes a business of exterminating rats and mice?

Soccer Football. Can you tell me how many persons were killed last year in flying machine accidents?

Abe Martin. The North Emporia Independent says that "it is discouraging to the prospective residents of Virginia to find that the State taxes bank deposits—a tax on thrift that drives away much money. It should be abolished."

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ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT

By ROY K. MOULTON.

A Wise Man. There was a man in our town And he was wondrous wise, He knew just how and when and where To go and advertise.

The Diary of a Bonehead. Ever since we had the burglar scare in our neighborhood the neighbors have resorted to various devices for safety. Many bought automatic revolvers, the faint of heart bought twenty times before you are ready for them to shoot at all.

According to Lucie Auer. Len Perkins didn't amount to anything until he got into politics, and then he didn't.

They call 'em problem plays becauz it is a problem whether to let the chicken out or not.

There is no means of stating the "agricultural wealth" of a country. Even if you knew this you would have to be informed about several hundred other considerations before you would be in position to begin the formation of any opinion on the matter.

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FOUR HUNDRED YEARS AGO—

By John T. McCutcheon.



Balboa discovered the Pacific ocean and one of his followers, Saxeagra, proposed the construction of a transisthmian canal.



October 10 an American army officer, Gen. Goethals, on signal from President Wilson, ordered the practical completion of the canal.

NEWS OF SOUTH RICHMOND

GRAND JURY INDICTS

True Bill Against E. B. Nunnally. Court Sets Civil Docket. An indictment was returned yesterday by the grand jury in Hustings Court, against E. B. Nunnally, charged with making a felonious attack upon Special Officer John W. Berryman.

Methodist Revivals Continue. Interest is growing in the two Methodist revivals being held on the Southside, and there have been a number of converts.

Says He Threatened Wife. J. O'Connell was put under a bond of \$250 to keep the peace by Justice Maurice yesterday in Police Court, Part II, when he was arraigned on the charge of threatening the life of his wife.

Negro's Anatomy Breaks Brick. A brick was broken into several pieces when John Melbongall, colored, who runs a poolroom in upper Hill street, was struck by the missile, which is alleged to have been thrown by Bud White, also colored, on Saturday night.

Arrested for Fighting. Andrew Hubbard and Clarence Moles were arrested yesterday afternoon by

National State and City Bank RICHMOND, VIRGINIA. Established 1870. Capital \$1,000,000 Surplus and Undivided Profits, 700,000 OFFICERS. WM. H. PALMER, President. JOHN S. ELLETT, Vice-President. WM. M. HILL, Vice-President. J. W. SINTON, Vice-President. JULIEN H. HILL, Cashier.

DESTROYED BY FIRE

Home of R. L. Jordan, at Radford, Burns, Causing Loss of \$7,500. Radford, Va., October 20.—The most disastrous fire that has visited this city in years occurred last night, when the home of R. L. Jordan was totally destroyed.

Freight Engine Jumps Track on Sid-ing at Winchester. Winchester, Va., October 20.—As a result of a freight engine jumping the track on a siding near the main track of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad here to-day, and a new track just opposite sinking under the weight of a monster engine drawing a southbound passenger train to-night, traffic is blocked between Harpers Ferry and Strasburg Junction.

INQUEST OVER PERROW'S BODY. Jury Finds He Was Killed by Officer in Discharge of Duty. Lynchburg, Va., October 20.—The coroner's inquest this afternoon over the body of Jack Perrow, who was yesterday killed by Policeman George Ware, returned a verdict that Perrow was killed by the officer in the discharge of his duty.